Dealerships under Operation VJjay Scheme

3762. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have been given dealership of petrol pumps and LPG under the Operation Vijay Scheme launched by Government to provide income to the families of soldiers who died in the Kargil War;

(b) the number of cases which have been commissioned upto the 31st March, 2002; and

(c) by when the remaining cases are likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Under the Special Scheme for allotment of retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships to the widows/next of kin of the Defence personnel killed in action in 'OP Vijay' (Kargil), the Union Government has made, as on 31.3.2002, allotment of 265 retail outlet dealerships and 164 LPG distributorships. Out of these allotments, 141 retail outlet dealerships and 98 LPG distributorships respectively have been commissioned upto this date.

Commissioning of the remaining dealerships/distributorships is held up because of factors like non-availability of land, requests made by the allottees for change in location/product, non-receipt of explosive licence, non-receipt of No Objection Certificate, etc. Efforts are on to achieve commissioning of the remaining cases as early as possible.

Crude reserves in Andhra Pradesh

3763. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC have conducted 3D seismic surveys for crude oil in new and producing areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;